

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday 25th September 2011

Silent Key

It is with deep regret that we learned of the death of James Canning, father of Brian, EI8IU. James was buried last Wednesday 14th. Our sincere sympathy to Brian. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.

Amateur Station Licence Exam

A final reminder that next Thursday, 29th September, is the closing date for applications to sit the next examination. The examination itself takes place on Friday 14th October. See www.irts.ie/exam for information about the exam and how to enter.

IRTS Youth Co-ordinator

Following the recent IARU conference in South Africa, members societies were urged to appoint a Youth Coordinator. At the last IRTS committee meeting held on September 10, Ger McNamara EI4GXB was appointed to the role.

Ger is seeking ideas from members on how to best generate interest in Amateur Radio among young people and can be contacted on 087 2532512 or ei4gxb /at/gmail /dot /com.

EI4GXB Radio Theory Notes

Ger EI4GXB advises us that he has uploaded files to the Radio Theory section of his website which he has used for the theory class last year in Limerick. They may be of help to any candidates sitting the examination in October. Go to www.ei4gxb.com for further details. Comments welcome to Ger on ei4gxb /at/gmail /dot /com

Limerick Radio Club

Limerick Radio club have changed their club meeting night to Wednesday night going

forward. The next meeting will be on Wednesday 12 October. Full details can be found on www.limerickradioclub.ie

RSGB Convention

The RSGB convention takes place this year on October 7th, 8th and 9th. Full details from www.rsgb.org/rsgbconvention

SEARG

There will be a meeting of SEARG next Monday, September 26 at 20:30. John, EI7IG will be giving a short presentation about his experiments with Photovoltaic Solar panels over the last number of years.

New Lough Erne Amateur Radio Club Committee

Lough Erne Amateur Radio Club elected a new Committee at its AGM on Wednesday past (21 September). The new Chairman is Tommy Nelson, Mi0RVH. Tommy came into amateur radio via the Club's Foundation course in February 2010, then Intermediate Course in February 2011, and the Advanced exam for a Full Licence in June past. The Club is proud of this and similar successes by its many new members, and is delighted that that one of them has become its Chairman. The vice Chairman is Herbie G6JPO, Secretary Michael Mi5MTC, and Treasurer Jamie 2I0MFB. The report at the AGM detailed progress and achievements in the past year, in which it had won the UK-Runner-Up Club of the Year Award. The Silver Anniversary Lough Erne Rally was also reported. The next Lough Erne Rally is set for a very easily remembered date – Sunday 1 April 2011. Michael Clarke Mi5MTC Secretary Lough Erne ARC Email [mi5mtc/ at/ learc / dot/ eu](mailto:mi5mtc/at/learc/dot/eu)

Foyle & District Amateur Radio Club

Foyle & District Amateur Radio Club Annual Rally will be held on Sunday 6th November 2011 at 12.00 hours. Venue: Best Western White Horse Hotel, 68 Clooney Road, Derry, BT47 3PA Traders attending; TA Electronics, P&D CB & Amateur Radio Supplies, JBT Trading, MI3NIE Wire Antennas, Steven Boyd (Second Hand Radios), The Green Man, IRTS Stand, RSGB QSL Bureau.

DX News

There will be a short DXpedition to the Nagorno Karabakh district of Azerbaijan from 29 September until 2 October. The callsigns to look out for are 4K3K and 4J0K. These are the only valid callsigns in use in this district. QSLs go via RW6HS

For those who still need Market Reef for their DXCC there will be activity until 11 October. The callsign is OJ0X and the station will be manned by different teams of international DXers who will each spend a week on the reef.

Don't forget that the T32C expedition to Christmas Island will be happening very soon. Christmas Island is a Pacific Ocean atoll, just over 200 kilometres north of the Equator. The team are scheduled to arrive on the island next Wednesday 28 September. As soon as the stations are set up we can expect plenty of pile-ups as the worldwide DX fraternity try to get this one into their logbooks. Remember that two IRTS members are on the team in the shape of Paul EI5DI and Dave EI9FBB. Others in the team come from the UK, Germany, France the USA and Japan. For up to date news check out www.t32c.com This is a major DXpedition, involving a team of up to 40 operators in all.

The original plan was to use 16 Yaesu FT DX 5000 rigs, each powering a 1kW amplifier. Unfortunately these rigs will not be delivered on time due to shipping difficulties, so the team is making do with FT-450D rigs and smaller amplifiers. The group's yagi antennas are also held up, so they will be using verticals and vertical arrays instead.

Another major DXpedition coming up is the joint US/Australian trip to Vanuatu. The callsign will be YJ0VK and dates for the operation are 30 September until 12 October. They will be on all bands 160-10m using CW, SSB and RTTY/PSK31. QSLs go via VK2CA.

4M from Slieve Bloom

Vinny, EI5GLB will be working 4mtrs from the Slieve Bloom mountains on Sunday 2nd October at approx 13.00 all are welcome to call in. Working conditions will be a Motorola cm140 25watts and a 1/4 wave dipole frequency 70.300mhz. Looking forward to getting reports de ei5glb.

Tiree Expedition (MS0WRC)

For the 8th year running members of the Workington Radio Club from West Cumbria

are planning to visit the Hebridean Islands off the West Coast of Scotland. This year they will be joined once more by members of the Sands contest group from Morecambe in Lancashire and Brendan (EI6IZ).

The team of 11 operators will travel to the Island of Tiree (EU-008) on the 1st October and operate throughout the following week from their base in Caoles on the North East coast of the Island.

Items for inclusion in next week's Radio News can be submitted via e-mail to "newsteam /at/ irts / dot / ie" for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. Urgent news items for the radio news maybe telephoned to the radio news editor, Aidan, EI7JC on 085 7100511.

Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Thursday in order to be guaranteed inclusion in the following Sunday's bulletin.

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